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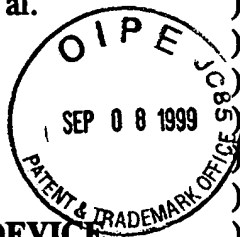
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RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action (paper no. 27) mailed August 14, 1999 and is filed prior to the expiration of the two (2) month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 16, 1999. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this filing. In the event that a fee is due, please charge such a fee to Deposit Account 19-0733.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10-26, 28-43 and 45-154 remain pending. The action indicates that the application is in condition for allowance and will be allowed upon the submission of the original patent or an affidavit or declaration as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent. Accordingly, applicants are enclosing the original patent. In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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